

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Before calculation of the filing fees and before examination, kindly amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as annexed to the International Preliminary Examination Report as follows:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 4, line 1, change "any of claims 1 to 3" to --claim 1--.

Claim 5, line 1, change "any of claims 1 to 3" to --claim 1--.

Claim 6, line 1, change "any of claims 1 to 5" to --claim 1--.

Claim 7, line 1, change "any of claims 1 to 6" to --claim 1--.

Claim 10, line 1, change "any of claims 7 to 9" to --claim 7--.

Claim 12, line 1, change "any of claims 1 to 11" to --claim 1--.

Claim 14, line 1, change "any of claims 1 to 13" to --claim 1--.

Claim 15, line 1, change "any of claims 1 to 14" to --claim 1--.

Claim 16, line 1, change "any of claims 1 to 14" to --claim 1--.

Claim 18, line 1, change "any of claims 1 to 17" to --claim 1--.

Claim 19, line 1, change "claims 1 to 18" to --claim 1--.

Claim 20, line 1, change "claims 1 to 18" to --claim 1--.

Claim 21, line 1, delete "or 13".

Claim 25, line 1, delete "or 24".

Claim 26, line 1, change "any of claims 23 to 25" to --claim 23--.

Claim 27, line 1, change "claims 23 to 26" to --claim 23--.

Claim 28, line 1, change "claims 23 to 27" to --claim 23--.

Claim 29, line 1, change "any of claims 23 to 28" to --claim 23--.

Claim 30, line 1, change "any of claims 23 to 29" to --claim 23--.

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Claim 31, line 1, change "any of claims 23 to 30" to --claim 23--.

Claim 32, line 1, change "any of claims 23 to 31" to --claim 23--.

Claim 33, line 1, change "any of claims 23 to 32" to --claim 23--.

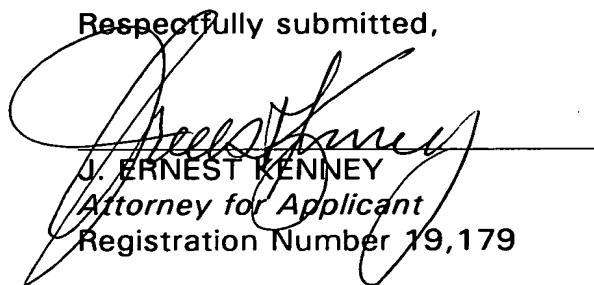
Claim 34, line 1, change "any of claims 23 to 33" to --claim 23--.

Claim 35, line 1, change "any of claims 23 to 33" to --claim 23--.

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to correct improper multiple dependent claims and to reduce the filing fees. Examination of the claims as amended is respectfully requested.

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